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VIVO INDIA REMITTED 50% OF ITS TURNOVER TO CHINA, SAYS ED

The company diverted as much as ₹62,476 crore to its parent in China to avoid taxes in India, says the ED

CASH, 2 KG GOLD BARS SEIZED

This week, the Enforcement Directorate conducted raids at 48 locations of Vivo Mobile India and its 23 associated companies and seized ₹73 lakh in cash and 2 kg gold bars under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The federal probe agency also seized funds worth ₹465 crore kept in 119 bank accounts by various entities linked to Vivo

THREE CHINESE OFFICIALS FLEE INDIA

The ED crackdown came after three Chinese officials, including ex-Vivo director Bin Lou, reportedly fled India. It was found 23 companies were incorporated allegedly to launder money

This is the second big case by the ED against a Chinese firm. Earlier, it had booked Xiaomi for making illegal remittances to China | P9

₹1,25,185 CR VIVO INDIA'S SALES PROCEEDS, HALF OF WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY INVESTED TO CHINA

THE LATEST TRIGGER
The latest crisis began when Chris Pincher resigned as deputy chief whip amid accusations that he had groped two men. It led to a series of reports about past allegations against Pincher. BoJo lied he was not aware about his antecedents before hiring him, then did a U-turn
It is clearly now the will of the parliamentary party that there should be a new leader and therefore a new PM
Boris Johnson

Will stay on as caretaker prime minister till a successor is elected

BoJo bows out as UK PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

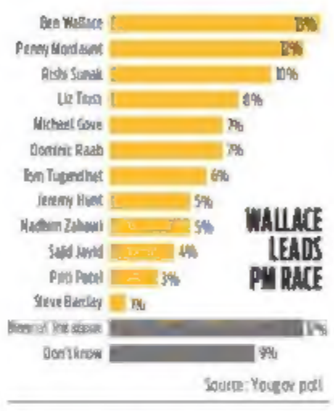
AFTER brazenly trying to hang on to power for a couple of days despite a mass revolt in his parliamentary party, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation on Thursday from the party's leadership to start with.

Standing outside 10, Downing Street, Johnson conceded that his party wanted him gone. "Them's the breaks," he said.

But Johnson wants to stay on as a lame duck prime minister till the party chooses his successor, the timeline for which would be out in a week, he said. But many lawmakers in his Conservative party want him to quit the premier's post immediately.

At last count, about 50 Cabinet secretaries, ministers and lower-level officials had resigned after Johnson conceded on Tuesday that he was less than honest about the appointment of a politician accused of sexual misconduct.

Within just three years in power, the brash, perpetually rumpled, shaggy-haired leader who is often likened to former US President Donald Trump, had to negotiate his way out of frequent messy situations putting a question mark on his integrity.



To his credit, he took Britain out of the European Union, was a good friend of India, managed to contain the Covid pandemic under his watch and aggressively supported Ukraine in its war against Russia.

He was forced to concede defeat on Thursday morning after one of his closest allies, new Treasury chief Nadhim Zahawi, publicly told him to resign for the good of the country.

"In the last few days, I tried to persuade my colleagues that it would be eccentric to change governments when we're delivering so much and when we have such a vast mandate," Johnson said.

Quite a few are vying to succeed him as PM. Among them are former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak, former Health Secretary Sajid Javid, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and Transport Secretary Grant Shapps. Others like Michael Gove, Matt Hancock and Dominic Raab ruled themselves out of the race. Indian-origin Suella Braverman, UK's attorney general, became the first to launch her leadership bid. She has her roots in Goa.

As for India, the negotiations for the ongoing Free Trade Agreement with the UK are not likely to be impacted. The deadline set for a draft FTA during Johnson's summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi in April last was Diwali (October). P12

Landslide crushes 3 to death in DK

Rain in most parts of state for next 5 days

Bengaluru: Rain are likely to lash Bengaluru and most parts of Karnataka for the next five days, according to a forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). There was continuous rain in many parts of the state on Thursday | P5

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

THREE labourers were killed in a landslide at Kajebailu near Panjikallu of Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada district. While one of the victims Biju, 46, from Palakkad, died on the spot on Wednesday night, Santhosh, 46, from Alappuzha, and Babu, 46, from Kottayam died in different hospitals on Thursday morning. Another injured Johny, 44, from Kannur is undergoing treatment.

The four labourers from Kerala, employed by rubber planter Benedicta Carlo for tapping rubber, were living in an old tiled roof house.

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ACB ADGP challenges HC judge's summons

Bengaluru: ACB ADGP Seemanth Kumar Singh, has moved the HC challenging summoning of his service records from the govt by a single judge while hearing bail pleas of accused in B'luru DC's office bribery case | P3

This fake BBMP chief has been luring officers

Bengaluru: A fraudster claiming to be BBMP chief Tushar Girinath has been making calls to BBMP officers asking them to invest in a fake e-commerce platform. A complaint has been filed at the cyber crime police station | P2

Woman, 70, locked up in toilet by son for 2 yrs, freed

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

A 70-year-old woman who was locked up by her son and daughter-in-law in a toilet at their house for two years has been rescued with the help of police and an NGO at Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada district. The rescued woman has been identified as Girija, a resident of Karavali site at Kallige Benjanapadav.

Girija had a fall on January 1, 2020, and instead of providing her treatment for her injuries, her son Hariram and daughter-in-law Pooja locked her up in a toilet and even denied her proper food. Pooja also allegedly used to abuse her. A few days ago, a citizen who became suspicious of the couple's treatment towards the elderly woman, informed Senior Citizens' Helpline which works in the district.

Girija at a hospital | EXPRESS

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With multiple fractures, Lalu shifted to AIIMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE health condition of 74-year-old RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav is stable after he was admitted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi on Wednesday night, according to doctors at the hospital. The veteran leader, however, is under close observation.

Lalu Yadav was brought to AIIMS Delhi from a Patna hospital, where he got initial treatment for multiple fractures suffered due to a fall last Sunday.

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